

STATE OF HAWAII HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

CONSOLIDATED PLAN INFORMATIONAL PACKET For Program Year 2013-14 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014)

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PURPOSE OF THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN

The Consolidated Plan is an application by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funding through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), the American Dream Down-payment Initiative (ADDI), the Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESG), and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). These funds are utilized in the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui. The City and County of Honolulu receives a direct allocation from HUD.

The Consolidated Plan process is mandated by HUD to ensure that jurisdictions receiving direct federal assistance utilize and develop a plan for its housing and related needs of very low-, low- and moderate-income families in a way that improves the availability and affordability of decent, safe and sanitary housing within a suitable living environment.

In December, 2009, the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) adopted the Consolidated Plan for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015. The HHFDC administers the HOME program, and the State's Department of Human Services - Benefits, Employment and Support Services Division administers the ESG and HOPWA programs. The Consolidated Plan established these priorities:

- Construction of affordable rental units for both the general population and for special needs populations;
- Provision of tenant-based rental assistance:
- Development (new construction or rehabilitation of existing buildings) of transitional housing units;
- Project development and construction of affordable for-sale homes;
- Provision of down-payment/closing cost assistance and gap loans;
- Provision of homebuyer education and counseling sessions;
- Funding for operations of shelters for the homeless and for victims of domestic violence, including the transition to permanent housing;
- Rental and housing information assistance to persons with HIV/AIDS;
- Support for fair housing education and training;

For each year in this 5-year period, the HHFDC develops an Annual Action Plan and a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. The Annual Action Plan describes how funds will be spent in the specific program year, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report evaluates the actual use of funds during the program year.

Citizens may participate in the planning process through public hearings on needs and priorities and through the 30-day review and comment period on the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan and any substantial amendments.

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HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (Program Year 2013-14)

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) is a federally-funded program which was created by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. This program is intended to be a locally designed and administered program which: 1) expands the supply of decent, safe, affordable, and sanitary housing, with primary attention to low income rental housing; 2) strengthens the abilities of state and local governments to design and implement affordable housing strategies; and 3) provides both federal financing and technical assistance.

According to the HOME Program regulations, the State of Hawaii (the "State") is the Participating Jurisdiction (PJ), and the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) is the agency designated to administer the HOME Program for the State. The HOME Program requires that all HOME funds be utilized to assist households earning 80% or below of the area median income.

Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) determines by formula the amount of HOME funds that States and units of local governments are eligible to receive. In PY 2013-14, the State anticipates receiving approximately \$3,000,000 in HOME funds. The State distributes its HOME funds in accordance with the State Consolidated Plan which provides information on the State's housing needs, primarily in the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui, and a strategic plan to address those needs. The State has designated the counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui as HOME State Recipients to administer the State's HOME funds to address their respective housing needs. In accordance with HHFDC's allocation policy, the County of Kauai is designated to receive the state's HOME allocation in PY 2013-14.

HOME funds can be used to expand and/or preserve the supply of safe, decent and affordable rental housing. This includes new construction or acquisition and/or rehabilitation of rental housing units affordable to very low and low-income families. HOME funds also can be used for tenant-based rental assistance and new construction, acquisition and/or rehabilitation of housing for homeownership.

The State's HOME Program encourages any program or activity funded in whole or in part with HOME funds to avoid the displacement of individuals and families unless it is the only practical alternative. Should HOME funds be utilized for such an activity, the HHFDC as well as the State Recipients, will comply with Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the Uniform Relocation Act, which is detailed in the State's HOME Partnerships Program Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

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EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM (Program Year 2013-14)

The Emergency Shelter Grant Program, authorized by 24 CFR Part 576, has been re-vamped to shift its focus less on emergency shelters and more towards homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing. To better reflect its objectives, the name of the program has also been changed to the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). ESG provides grants to states, local governments, and to private nonprofit organizations to assist individuals and families living on the streets or in emergency shelters into permanent housing, or to assist individuals and families on the brink of homelessness to remain in stable, permanent housing. ESG funds may also be used to either improve the quality of existing emergency shelters for the homeless or help to make additional homeless shelters available through the rehabilitation or conversion of existing buildings. ESG can also be used to pay certain operating and social service expenses in connection with emergency shelter for the homeless, and for homeless prevention activities. This allows persons who are homeless to have access to safe and sanitary shelter as well as supportive services and other kinds of assistance needed to improve their situation.

The State anticipates receiving approximately \$400,000 of ESG funds for 2013-2014.

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HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (Program Year 2013-14)

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program, authorized by 24 CFR Part 574, provides resources and incentives to states, local governments, and private nonprofit organizations to devise long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of persons with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) or related diseases and their families. HOPWA funds may be used to assist all forms of housing designed to prevent homelessness including emergency housing, shared housing arrangements, apartments, single-room occupancy (SRO) dwellings and community residences. Also allowed are housing information services; resource identification; acquisition, rehabilitation, conversion, lease, and repair of facilities to provide housing and services; new construction for SRO dwellings and community facilities; project or tenant-based rental assistance; short-term rent, mortgage, and utility payments to prevent homelessness of the tenant or mortgagor of a dwelling.

The State anticipates receiving approximately \$180,000 of HOPWA funds for PY 2013-2014.

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